

AT A GLANCE

Surfside Charter Amendments

1. Adding a Preamble and Citizen's Bill of Rights to the Town Charter

The Preamble and Citizen's Bill of Rights states specific and enforceable rights for Surfside residents.

2. Mandatory Charter Review

If adopted, the Town would have to begin a Charter review within 12 months. Also, in the future, a Charter Review will have to be done at least every 10 years, with the next one occurring in December 2022

3. Clarification of the intensity, density and height restrictions in development

This amendment **DOES NOT** change any current development restrictions. It only clarifies the language which defines limits of density, intensity and height.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. at
Town Hall, 9293 Harding Avenue

Residents can also vote via absentee
ballot and early voting.

For more information, contact the Office
of the Town Clerk at (305) 861-4163 or
email to snovoa@townofsurfsidefl.gov.

The complete Nov. 6 ballot can be viewed
at [www.miamidade.gov/elections/s_](http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/s_ballots/11-6-12_sb.pdf)
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOWN'S CHARTER AMENDMENTS ON THE NOV. 7 BALLOT

9293 Harding Avenue
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TOWN OF SURFSIDE

Your Guide to Surfside's

CHARTER AMENDMENTS ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 BALLOT

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In July of 2012, the Town Commission approved a resolution to add three Town of Surfside Charter amendments to the Nov. 6, 2012 general election ballot. **You have received this mailer so you can fully understand the amendments. Please review the information provided below.**

Description of the Amendments:

1. Adding a Preamble and Citizen's Bill of Rights to the Town Charter

This amendment would add a Preamble and Citizen's Bill of Rights to the Town Charter. Similar to the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights outlines enforceable rights, such as access to public records, to be heard, to notice, to a public hearing, to representation and no unreasonable postponements. The full wording of the Preamble and Bill of Rights is available at the Office of the Town Clerk.

2. Mandatory Charter Review

This amendment states that within the first 12 months after the adoption of this provision, the Town Commission will begin a Charter Review. Then, commencing in December 2022, the Commission will appoint a Charter review board at least every 10 years. The Charter review board will consist of five persons, one appointed by each Commissioner and ratified by a majority of the Commission. The board will begin its review within 45 days of being appointed.

3. Clarification of the intensity, density and height restrictions in development

This amendment provides revised language to clarify these limits to reflect that:

- a) Density means number of units per acre.
- b) Intensity means the floor area ratio as described in the Surfside Comprehensive Plan: total square footage of building divided by the total square footage of the lot where the building is located.
- c) Height is defined in both number of floors and feet.

ABOUT THE BALLOT

**LOCAL ISSUES WILL BE LOCATED
AFTER NATIONAL, STATE AND
COUNTY ITEMS.**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO THE END TO
VOTE ON THE SURFSIDE
AMENDMENTS**

**For more information, contact Sandra Novoa, CMC, Town Clerk
at snovoa@townofsurfsidefl.gov or (305) 861-4863
www.townofsurfsidefl.gov**

Form of Ballot:

The form of ballot of the charter amendments will appear as follows:

1. PREAMBLE AND CITIZENS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Shall the Town Charter be amended to add a Preamble and "Citizen's Bill of Rights" that creates certain individual rights and guarantees those rights to citizens of Surfside?

Yes ☐ No ☐

2. MANDATORY CHARTER REVIEW

It is being proposed that within the first (12) twelve months after adoption of this provision, the Town shall commence charter review. Thereafter every tenth (10th) year commencing in December 2022, a charter review board shall be appointed by the Town Commission for purposes of charter review. Shall the above-described amendment be adopted?

Yes ☐ No ☐

3. GENERAL POWERS; RESRICTION ON DEVELOPMENT

On March 16, 2004, the electorate adopted a limitation on height, density and intensity of development allowable as of that date. It is being proposed that the restriction be maintained, but the language be clarified and reinforced to reflect that density means number of units per acre, that maximum floor area ratios be properly referenced as floor area ratio and heights be defined in both stories and feet. Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

Yes ☐ No ☐